

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

September 29, 2006

In re application of : IVO E. PERA  
Serial No. : 10/657,473  
Filed : September 8, 2003  
For : **TOBACCO SMOKE FILTER AND RELATIVE  
COMPOSITION MADE OF ANTIOXIDANT AND  
MINERAL SUBSTANCES**  
Examiner : Carlos N. Lopez  
Art Unit : 1731  
Our File No. : 8849.6818

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**COMMUNICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action dated September 1, 2006. In the restriction requirement the Examiner is asking Applicant to choose between species A and species B. The office Action is confusing. Such a requirement does not appear appropriate given that claim 1 talks about one or more antioxidants and one or more minerals. However, if the Examiner is requiring a selection between species A and species B, Applicant elects species B. The Examiner is then asking Applicant to choose one antioxidant from species A and one antioxidant from

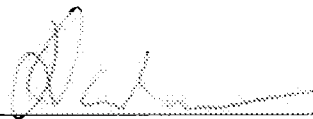
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species B. Applicant selects L-Glutathione from species A and Activated Carbon from species B.

The claims that are believed to be readable on the elected species in addition to the generic claims 1, 5, 6 and 7 would also include 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 19, and 24. Thus, claims 1-11, 15, 19 and 24 are readable.

Applicant has completely responded to the Examiner's Office Action dated September 1, 2006. Favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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